

Annual Report 2023-24

Government College of Arts, Science, and Commerce, Sanquelim, Goa

The academic year 2023-24 at Government College of Arts, Science, and Commerce, Sanquelim, Goa, was a year of active participation and engagement for both students and faculty in a variety of academic, extracurricular, and community-oriented activities. The college undertook several initiatives that were aligned with national and global trends, with a particular focus on fostering youth development, environmental awareness, cultural enrichment, and academic excellence. The following sections provide a detailed overview of the major activities conducted by various departments and clubs within the institution.

Yuva Tourism Club

The *Yuva Tourism Club* was established under the aegis of the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* initiative by the Ministry of Tourism, aiming to promote youth involvement in the preservation of India's rich cultural and geographical heritage. The club focused on educating and engaging the youth in exploring tourism as a vital aspect of India's heritage. Under the leadership of Mr. Stephen Fernandes, with Vivek Mudada as the student co-ordinator, the club had 15 active student members. The club organized multiple events throughout the academic year. One of the major events was the *Tourism Day Celebration* on September 27, 2023, which featured a resource talk by Mr. Gavin Dias, General Manager of the Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC), who spoke about the significance of sustainable tourism. The event also included various competitions such as logo-making, poster-making, photography, and a quiz focused on tourism. Another notable event organized by the club was a *Wildlife Conservation Talk* held on October 9, 2023. The talk, delivered by Mr. Geerish Bailudkar, the Range Forest Officer (RFO) of Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, emphasized the importance of wildlife conservation, especially in Goa's diverse ecosystems. The club also organized a *Tourism Trail* on March 1, 2024, which involved visits to Carambolim Lake, Old Goa Churches, and Mangueshi Temple, highlighting the ecological and historical significance of these locations while also promoting ecotourism.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

The NSS Unit of the college made significant strides in contributing to the community and fostering social responsibility among students. Under the guidance of faculty in-charge, the NSS Unit participated in a variety of programs aimed at environmental conservation, health awareness, and national service. One of the most impactful activities was the *Tree Plantation*

Drive conducted in August 2023, in which 75 saplings were planted in Morlem Village as part of the *Meri Mati Mera Desh* initiative. This was followed by a *Rakhi Making Competition*, where students crafted 1,147 rakhis, which were then sent to the Indian Army as a gesture of solidarity and gratitude. The NSS unit also participated in *Cleanliness and Anti-Plastic Drives*, conducting campus and local market clean-up activities and distributing 1,500 paper bags to reduce plastic use. Another notable event was the *Blood Donation Drive* held on October 14, 2023, where 70 units of blood were successfully collected, contributing to the health and well-being of the local community. Furthermore, the NSS unit hosted the *Neighbourhood Youth Parliament* on March 11, 2024, which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, encouraging youth participation in democratic processes.

Departmental Activities

Department of Geography

The Department of Geography conducted several enriching activities aimed at providing practical knowledge and enhancing students' understanding of geographical concepts. A major activity was a *Field Excursion* on August 24, 2023, where third-year students visited Gokak Waterfall to observe geological features and learn about water resource management. In December 2023, the department organized a *Study Tour* from December 5-13, 2023, where students visited Delhi, Manali, Amritsar, and Chandigarh, exploring the geography and historical landmarks of these regions. On January 15, 2024, the department celebrated *Geography Day*, featuring competitions such as poster-making, a quiz, map jigsaw, and bottle painting, designed to engage students creatively while deepening their understanding of geographical concepts.

Department of Physics

The Department of Physics also offered a variety of events aimed at stimulating students' interest in scientific exploration. On August 19, 2023, the department organized a guest talk on *High Energy Physics* delivered by Mr. Jaiprakash from IIT Goa. Additionally, the department conducted a series of workshops, including a *Basic Astronomy Workshop* on January 30, 2024, which provided students with a deeper understanding of celestial phenomena. Another major event was the *Robotics Workshop* held on March 9-10, 2024, where students learned about the fundamentals of robotics and automation. The department also organized an *Electronic Garage Workshop* on March 16, 2024, to introduce students to hands-on learning in electronics.

Department of Economics

The Department of Economics actively engaged students in discussions on contemporary economic issues through various academic and extracurricular activities. On August 15, 2023, the department organized a *Poster Making Competition* on the theme "Growth Stories of Indian Economy," allowing students to creatively explore economic development. Furthermore, the department also participated in several national-level competitions, with notable achievements such as the *Business Ideathon*, where Kartik Panshikar and Apoorva Karapurkar won first place on September 19, 2023. Additionally, the department organized a participation drive for the *RBI Essay Writing Competition* on October 3, 2023, allowing students to engage with important financial topics.

Startup and Incubation Activities

In line with promoting entrepreneurship, the college organized the *Goa Startup Yatra* on September 4, 2023. The event was aimed at encouraging students to explore entrepreneurship as a career path and provided them with insights into startup culture and resources available for budding entrepreneurs. Additionally, 16 students from the college participated in the *PMFME* initiative, which aims to promote entrepreneurship in food processing and related sectors.

Department of English

The Department of English organized several events to enhance the academic and cultural development of students. On January 2024, the department conducted a *Short-Term Certificate Course (STCC)* on "Research in English," aimed at fostering research skills among students. In September 2023, the department also celebrated *Multiculturalism Day*, which featured discussions on cultural diversity and its impact on society. Furthermore, the department's students participated in prestigious literary events, including the *Jaipur Literary Festival* in February 2024, and excelled in intercollegiate competitions, winning prizes at the *Pegasus* event held in January 2024.

Other Activities

In addition to the academic and extracurricular activities mentioned above, the college also participated in several government initiatives. The *NEP 2020 Monitoring Committee* produced a video on Goa's Ganesh celebrations, which was submitted as part of an awareness campaign. The college also donated teaching aids to local Anganwadis on March 16, 2024, supporting

early childhood education in the region. The college also promoted health and fitness awareness through its participation in National Sports Day activities on August 29, 2023, which focused on the importance of physical activity for overall well-being.

Students' Welfare Committee activities

STUDENTS' Council 2023-24

The newly elected students' council consisting of General Secretary Uddhav Mandrekar, Ladies Representative Ritika Mankar, Cultural Secretary Krishi Sinari, Sports Secretary Gokuldas Karekar, PWD Representative Aachal Gosavi, Campus Coordinators Rama Gaonkar, Ketankumar Pednekar, Hiba Khan, Apoorva Karapurkar, and representatives of every class were installed on 14 August 2023 in the College. The Coordinator of the Students' Welfare Committee, Dr. Vaibhav Chindarkar, outlined the responsibilities of the council. The members of the Student Council were honored by the chief guest, the CEO of Wakao Foods, Sairaj Dhond, who presented them with badges and flowers. While addressing the students, Mr Dhond said, "Creativity is a special quality of Goans. Every child born in this soil is inherently gifted with the strength to achieve something extraordinary. This seed exists in the heart of every Goan, and we must nurture and protect it, with the goal of growing that seed into a banyan tree." The Principal of the college, Prof. Dr. Gervasio Mendes, Vice Principals Dr. Seema Rath and Dr. Sonia Shirsat were also present for the occasion.

The Students' Welfare Committee of the College conducted several programs/ competitions for the students of the college for the academic year 2023-24.

Competition organised by Students' Council for the academic year 2023-24

Patriotic Song Singing Competition

Desh ki Dharohar artifacts/ iconic monuments from different States of India

Pehnavas depicting various State costumes

Shipakars: Art forms of different Indian States

Ghumat Aarti,

Teachers' Day function

Three days inter Class Tarang 19th, 21st and 22nd December 2023. The competitions were:

Pass the baton, Dhime Dhime slow cycling race, Pantathalon, Dynamo Drag, Zulfe, Roop rang, jaldi jaldi.

GCS Idol, Masti mazak, Avataar, the lost soul, Cultural parade, Nritya, Mr & Ms. Tarang

This year our students participated in record 09 (nine) inter-collegiate events where they fared very well winning numerous prizes.

The various inter-collegiate events our students participated in are as follows:

I) KAUSHALYA 2024 (26/08/2024)

Venue:- VM SALGAONCAR COLLEGE OF LAW, MIRAMAR

RUNNERS UP

Reel- 2nd place (MADAR DESAI)

Business plan- 3rd place (KARTIK PANSHIKAR & APOORVA KARAPURKAR)

Painting- 1st place (VAISHNAVI GAWAS)

Poem writing- 1st place (DHANASHREE JADHAV)

II) EQUINOX 2024 (10/01/2024)

Venue:- NARAYAN ZANTYE COLLEGE, BICHOLIM

2nd RUNNERS UP

Duet Dance- 2nd place (SWARA PARAB & DISHA GOVEKAR)

Fashion show- 1st place (Madar Desai, Jairaj Kelsarkar, Kartik Panshikar, Ganesh Pawar, Sejal Dicholkar, Gouravi Parab, Shruti Sangodkar, Sania Sawant, Sanika Parmekar, Swara Parab, Sindhiya Parsekar)

Photography- 3rd place (MADAR DESAI)

Face painting- 1st place (KARTIK SAWANT & SANIKA PARMEKAR)

III) AAVISHKAR 2024 (27/01/2024)

Venue:- M.E.S COLLEGE, VASCO

2nd RUNNERS UP

Folk Dance- 2nd place (Sejal Jadhav, Saisha Pal, Saheesha Patekar, Shruti Mandrekar, Krutika Gaonkar, Anusaya Das)

T-shirt Painting- 2nd place (Kartik Sawant & Vaishnavi Gawas)

Surprise Event- 3rd place (MADHAVRAJ PARAB)

Short film- 3rd place (MADAR DESAI)

IV) XTRAVAGANZA 2024 (30/01/2024)

Venue:- SSA, GOVT. COLLEGE VIRNODA-PERNEM

RUNNERS UP

Reel- 1st Place (MADAR DESAI)

Ice Breaker- 1st place (MADAR DESAI)

Duet singing- 2nd place (Ziyan Makandar & Namdev Gawde)

Comedy- 1st place (NIDHIP SIRSAT)

Avtaar- 2nd place (SANIKA PARMEKAR)

Painting- 2nd place (KARTIK SAWANT)

MS. Xtravaganza- 2nd place (RIFA SHAIKH)

Fashion show- 2nd place (Madar Desai, Ziyan Makandar, Ketan Pednekar, Ganesh Pawar, Sanika Parmekar, Saniya Gaonkar, Sprilea D'souza, Sakshi Vijapure)

V) PHOENIX 2024 (03/02/2024)

Venue:- CACULO COLLEGE, MAPUSA

2nd RUNNERS UP

ICE BREAKER- 2nd (MADAR DESAI)

STRESS INTERVIEW- 3rd (MADAR DESAI)

GRP DANCE- 3rd (Sejal Dicholkar, Yogeeta Gawande, Saloni Gawas, Ravina Gawade, Anusaya Das, Ashwini Kanchan, Jairaj Kelsarkar)

FASHION SHOW- 3rd (Madar Desai, Ganesh Pawar, Jairaj Kelsarkar, Rio Fernandes, Kartik Panshikar, Raturaj Parale, Sejal Dicholkar, Yogeeta Gawande, Disha Volvoikar, Saloni Gawas, Nomaa Sancoalkar)

CRICKET- 2nd (Madar Desai, Jairaj Kelsarkar, Ketan Pendnekar, Namdev Gawde)

STREET PLAY- 1st (Nomaa Sancoalkar, Apoorva Karapurkar, Ashwini Kanchan, Ketan Pednekar, Ganesh Pawar, Nidhip Sirsat, Anusaya Das)

CARROM- 2nd (Omkar Karekar & Jairaj Kelsarkar)

VI) YOUTHESIA (29th Feb-2nd March 2024)

Venue:- GOA UNIVERSITY STUDENT COUNCIL (GU)

1st in REEL:- MADAR DESAI

1st in FUTSAL:-

JOYSTEN RODRIGUES

NIKHIL SHELAR

ARYAN SALUNKE

SANJIL POKLE

VISHAL DAS

JEFF DIAS

SEJAL NAIK

PRIYANKA KOTEKAR

2nd in PHOTOGRAPHY:-

UDDHAV MANDREKAR

3rd in GROUP DANCE:-

- 1) SHRUTI MANDREKAR
- 2) SAISHA PAL
- 3) SAHEESHA PATEKAR
- 4) KRUTIKA GAONKAR
- 5) SEJAL JADHAV
- 6) ANUSAYA DAS

3rd in MR. YOUTHESIA:-

KARTIK PANSHIKAR

VII) CREATIONS (12th&13th March 2024)

Venue:- DHEMPE COLLEGE, MIRAMAR

GROUP DANCE:- 1st place

- 1) SWARA PARAB
- 2) ASLESHA CHODANKAR
- 3) SEEYA PARAB
- 4) SEJAL JADHAV
- 5) RAVINA GAWADE
- 6) SALONI GAWAS
- 7) AKANGSHA SAWANT
- 8) KRUTIKA GAONKAR
- 9) SAKSHI VIJAPURE
- 10) SHAIZEEN SHAIKH

11) BANTEE KUMAR

VIII) TATHASTU (15th&16th March 2024)

Venue:- CHOWGULE COLLEGE, MARGAO

2nd RUNNERS UP

GROUP DANCE:- 1st place

- 1) SWARA PARAB
- 2) ASLESHA CHODANKAR
- 3) SEEYA PARAB
- 4) SEJAL JADHAV
- 5) RAVINA GAWADE
- 6) SALONI GAWAS
- 7) AKANGSHA SAWANT
- 8) KRUTIKA GAONKAR
- 9) SHAIZEEN SHAIKH
- 10) BANTEE KUMAR

DEBATE:- 1st place

Amey Kinjawadekar

Shivam Chodankar

ARM WRESTLING:- 1st place

Harshad

PANNA CHALLENGE:- 2nd Place

Jeff Dias

IX) ASTITVA 5.0 (24/02/2024)

Venue:- DMC, Mapusa

RUNNERS UP

Solo Singing:- 1st Place

1) Shruti Sangodakr

Group Dance:- 2nd Place

1) Sejal Dicholker

2) Yogita Gawande

3) Anusaya Das

4) Sprilea D'souza

5) Sakshi Vijapure

Fashion Show:- 2nd Place

1) Uddhav Mandrekar

2) Sabir Muzawar

3) Jairaj Kelsarkar

4) Vaibhavi Salgaonkar

5) Ganesh Pawar

6) Sprilea D'Souza

7) Sejal Dicholker

8) Yogeeta Gawande

9) Sakshi Vijapure

Product Advertisement:-2nd Place

1) Vaibhavi Salgaonkar

2) Ziyen Makandar

3) Ganesh Pawar

Paper Dress Making:- 2nd Place

1) Vaishnavi Gawas

2) Yogeeta Gawande

Rangoli:- 1st Place

1) Vaishnavi Gawas

2) Shraddha Shirodkar

Reel:- 2nd Place

Uddhav Mandrekar

Short Film:- 2nd Place

Uddhav Mandrekar

Photography:-2nd Place

Uddhav Mandrekar

Wrapping up the academic year, the Students' Welfare Committee organised the annual prize distribution and farewell function for T.Y. and P.G. Part II students on 6 April 2024. The Chief Guest for the function was celebrity and makeup artist, Ms Samiksha Harji, who stated, "the mission of our lives should be to serve and to learn," in her address to the gathering.

The Principal, Prof. Gervasio S.F.L. Mendes, presented the Annual Report shedding light on various achievements of students, faculty members and the institution in the academic year 2023-24. Prof. Mendes congratulated the Students' Council for the commendable performance of students in various inter-collegiate events such as Kaushalya, Equinox, Avishkar, Extravaganza, Phoenix, Euthesia, Creations, Tathastu and Astitva.

Mr. Kaushal Shirgaokar, T.Y.B.A., Ms. Laxmi Chari, T.Y.B.Sc., Mr. Sameer Shaikh, T.Y.B.Com., Mr. Kartik Sawant, T.Y.B.Sc. and Mr. Shamesh Naik, M.A. English Part II expressed their emotions as representatives of the graduating students. The toppers and achievers of various streams, subjects and fields including sports, NCC and NSS, were felicitated.

The other dignitaries present on the dais were Prof. Soniya Sirsat, Vice Principal (Academics), Prof. Seema Rath, Vice Principal (P.G. Section), and Ms. Rosalina DeSilva, representing the Convener of Students' Welfare Committee.

LIST OF 10 BEST ALL ROUNDERS OF THE COLLEGE 2023-24

1	KARTIK BHISO SAWANT	T.Y.B.Sc.
2	APOORVA RAJESH KARAPURKAR	TYBA
3	KARTIK LAXMIKANT PANSHIKAR	TYBA
4	NOMAA DIPACCHAND SANCOALKAR	M.Sc. MATHEMATICS
5	SONAM SUBHASH GHADI	T.Y.B.SC.
6	SHRADDHA PRASHANT SHIRODKAR	TYBA
7	IRFAN KHATAL BOKRE	S.Y.B.Sc.
8	GANESH BHANUDAS PAWAR	T.Y.B.Sc.
9	VAISHNAVI SHABLO GAWAS	F.Y.B.Sc.
10	NIDHIP GIRISH SIRSAT	T.Y.B.Sc.